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Washington, D.C.- Today, Congressman Sires announced that the Newark Fire Department has received a grant award of \$7,188,576 from the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response program (SAFER). This program provides grants to qualified agencies in order to strengthen their overall level of preparedness and ability to respond to fire and related hazards. This grant will give the Newark Fire Department the ability to attain and maintain 24-hour staffing and to assure that their communities have adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards.

"I extend my congratulations to Newark Fire Department for this significant grant award," said Congressman Sires. "These funds will also ensure that Newark Fire Department is able to enlist and retain qualified firefighters that will effectively combat fires and keep our communities safe."

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Additionally, funds awarded by the SAFER program are intended to support the hiring of firefighters and the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters capable of safely responding to emergencies.

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